



# Congressman Tim Bishop

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## **SOLDIER'S SACRIFICE HONORED**

*Bishop, Foley, Bissonette Remember Mastic Hero*

**FARMINGVILLE, NY** – Congressman Tim Bishop, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian X. Foley, Councilwoman Carol Bissonette and members of the Wilwerth family held a ceremony Sunday, October 28 memorializing Main Street in Mastic in honor of Army Spec. Thomas J. (TJ) Wilwerth, who gave his life in Iraq in February of 2006.

“We owe everything to heroes like Thomas Wilwerth who make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom,” said Congressman Bishop. “There is nothing we can do to make up for the loss of a young man with such a bright future, but we can make sure that his legacy is never forgotten in the community he called home.”

“This is a chance for all the residents of the Town of Brookhaven, through us, their elected officials, to show their deep appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice Specialist Wilwerth made to protect our great country and insure its future,” said Supervisor Foley. “Spec. Wilwerth’s gave his life to protect our freedom and our way of life. He is truly a hero.”

“Today we honor and celebrate Spec. Thomas J. Wilwerth, one of our American heroes,” said Councilwoman Bissonette. “Today, would have been his 23rd birthday. What better way to honor the son, brother, man and the soldier by recognizing his courage, valor and sacrifice for freedom. I am honored to be a part of this dedication and celebration and congratulate his parents for sharing their son with our community and our community. Spec. Wilwerth's maturity and dedication to family, community and country is something that we all should try to find within ourselves. May this memorializing roadway always remind us of his sacrifice to protect our freedom.”

The memorializing ceremony took place on Spec. Wilwerth’s birthday, October 28, at the request of his parents. Immediately following the ceremony there was a reception at the Mastic Fire Department honoring Spec. Wilwerth.

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